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Amdt. dated August 15, 2006
Response to Office Action dated May 15, 2006PATENT**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2006. Claims 1-65 were pending in the present application, although incorrect numbering improperly gave the impression that claims 1-64 were pending as there were two separate instances of "claim 16." This Amendment properly renumbers claims 58-65; amends claims 1, 3-6, 11, 22, 24-27, 32, 43 45-48, and 58-65; and cancels claims 2, 23, and 44; leaving pending in the application claims 1, 3-22, 24-43, and 45-65. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Nelson* (U.S. 6,7342,915). Applicants respectfully submit that *Nelson* does not disclose each element of these claims.

For example, Applicants' claim 1 as amended recites a computer-implemented method of enabling information recorded during a presentation to be accessed subsequent to the presentation using a printed paper document for the presentation, the method comprising:

receiving, prior to occurrence of the presentation, the information identifying a set of items to be presented during the presentation, information for the set of items to be printed on the paper document for the presentation;
receiving, subsequent to the occurrence of the presentation, information indicating selection of one of the set of items using the information printed on the paper document;
accessing recorded information comprising information generated and recorded during the presentation;
determining time information for the selected item indicative of when the selected item was presented during the presentation; and
retrieving a portion of the recorded information corresponding to the presentation of the selected item based upon the time information determined for the selected item

(*emphasis added*). Such elements are not disclosed by *Nelson*.

Nelson discloses a method for controlling a presentation system during a presentation, "assisting users in presenting electronic media," wherein an identification-carrying card is presented to a sensor of a presentation control system, such that the corresponding presentation element can be presented for display (col. 1, line 30-col. 2, line 19). This can reduce "the amount of attention required from a presenter to maintain an electronic system supporting the presentation", as the presenter simply presents an object such as a card to a sensor of the control

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system, whereby the presentation system can retrieve and display the element corresponding to the object to "an audience" for the presentation (col. 4, lines 24-40). *Nelson* thus discloses controlling the display of pre-generated material during a presentation. This is very different from what is recited in Applicants' claims.

In the invention of Applicants' claim 1, for example, information is generated and recorded during the presentation, such as the recording of audio or video of the presentation itself, not just the pre-generated materials used during the presentation (e.g., slides, graphs, etc.). A paper has information corresponding to items that are presented during the presentation. This information can be used to determine the time during the presentation for which information corresponding to a selected item was recorded. Using this time information, that portion of the recorded information can be retrieved, allowing a user to view or listen to just that portion of the presentation during which that item was shown or discussed, for example.

Nelson does not disclose such elements. *Nelson* does not disclose the generation and recording of information during the presentation, such as the recording of audio or video of the presentation as the presentation is being given, then determining time information for the recorded information corresponding to items or elements used in the presentation. *Nelson* also does not disclose the retrieval after the presentation of information recorded during the presentation (allowing someone who did not attend the presentation to view or listen to portions of the presentation that are of interest to the user), instead only disclosing a control system for giving a presentation, including the retrieval of pre-generated items such as slides during the presentation. This is not a trivial distinction.

Nelson uses control cards to advance slides or play media in a presentation, for example. The invention of claim 1 allows a person, such as a person who did not attend the presentation, to view or listen to a portion of the presentation corresponding to a slide or other element, for example, by automatically determining and retrieving just that portion of the presentation corresponding to the slide selected by the user. *Nelson* does not disclose any such aspect. At best, *Nelson* would allow a user to view the slides (or other pre-generated elements) using the control cards, but in no way discloses recording the presentation, then retrieving and presenting portions of the recorded presentation based on selected elements of the presentation. As such,

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Nelson cannot anticipate Applicants' claim 1, or the claims that depend therefrom. The other independent claims recite limitations that similarly are not disclosed by *Nelson*, such that these claims and the claims that depend therefrom cannot be anticipated by *Nelson*. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the rejection with respect to claims 1-65 be withdrawn.

II. Amendment to the Claims

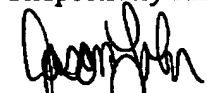
Unless otherwise specified, amendments to the claims are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. The amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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